

1 REMARKS

2 Claims 1-3, 7-19, 23-35, and 39-46 are canceled without prejudice. Claims
3 4, 20, and 36 are currently amended to place them in independent form.

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5 Objections

6 Claims 4-6, 20-22, and 36-38 stand objected to as being dependent upon a
7 rejected base claim. The Office stated that these claims would be allowable if
8 rewritten in independent form. Applicant amends claims 4, 20, and 36 to place
9 them in independent form. Claims 5-6, 21-22, and 37-38 remain dependent on
10 amended claims 4, 20, and 36, respectively, and so are not amended.

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1 **CONCLUSION**

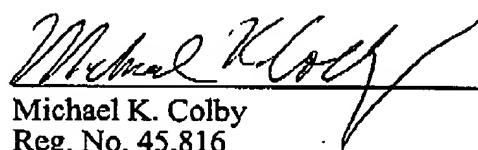
2 Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now in condition
3 for allowance.

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5 Respectfully Submitted,

6 Dated: 25 APR 05

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